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Facilities for Transgenders
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a large number of eunuchs/transgenders are found begging in metropolis in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to rehabilitate and bring them into the mainstream of the society and if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken to improve the living conditions of the said community;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to impart skill training to the transgenders and provide educational and employment facilities to transgenders through special quota or reservation in educational institutions and Government jobs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)

(a) : There is no authentic data available in this regard.

(b) An Expert Committee was constituted in the Ministry to make an in-depth study of the problems being faced by the Transgender Community and suggest suitable measures to ameliorate their problems. The Committee submitted its report on 27th January 2014. The recommendations of the committee, inter-alia, include formulation of an Umbrella scheme for rehabilitation, socio-economic & educational empowerment of the community, intensive publicity campaigns etc.

(c) & (d) : The components of the Umbrella Scheme inter-alia include Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Pre-matric and Post-matric Scholarship to Transgender Students as well as Scheme of Assistance for Skill Development Training to Transgender Persons. This scheme would enable transgender persons in improving the educational and socio-economic conditions by providing skill development training.